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Enclosure – Cover Memo  
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Ken Wagner, Ph.D.  
Commissioner

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**TO:** Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

**FROM:** Ken Wagner, Ph.D., Commissioner 

**RE:** Approval of Proposed Regulations – Enclosures 6b1 – 6b11

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In addition to reformatting to meet the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) of 2016 that all state agency regulations be converted to a standardized format by December 2018 to ensure public access and transparency, the regulations in enclosures 6c1-6c11 required some additional slight modifications. This prompted limited rule making and opportunity for a 30-day of public review and comment.

At the end of the 30-day of public review and comment period, no public feedback or objections were received on the following regulations:

- **Regulations Governing the School Calendar and Length of the School Day**
- **State Regulations Governing the Education of Homeless Children and Youth**
- **Educator Evaluation System Regulations**
- **Regulations Governing the Education of English Language Learners**
- **RI School Construction Regulations**
- **Rules Governing the Annulment of Certificates**
- **Physical Restraint Regulations**
- **Regulations for Approval of Nonpublic Schools**
- **Petition for Promulgation of Rules**
- **Declaratory Order Procedure**
- **Conduct of Public Hearings**

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the regulations presented in Enclosures 6b1 – 6b11.**